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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A sole for an article of footwear, the sole comprising:
a first sole layer having a ground engaging surface; and
a second layer having a ground engaging surface, the second layer comprising a
discrete continuous mesh layer partially embedded in the sole first layer and partially
continuously exposed along the ground engaging surface of the first layer.
2. (Currently amended) The sole of claim 1, wherein the second mesh layer comprises a
contoured surface.
3. (Currently amended) The sole of claim 1, wherein the second mesh layer comprises a
knit structure formed from thread.
4. (Original) The sole of claim 3, wherein the thread comprises a plurality of spun
fibers.
5. (Original) The sole of claim 1, wherein the mesh comprises a material selected from
the group consisting of metals, polyesters, polyamides, aramids, and combinations
thereof.
6. (Currently amended) The sole of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the second
mesh layer extends beyond a bottom surface of the sole first layer.
7. (Currently amended) The sole of claim 1, wherein the second mesh layer is
substantially coterminous with a bottom surface of the sole first layer.
8. (Currently amended) The sole of claim 1, wherein the sole first layer comprises a
profile groove defined by a bottom surface of the sole first layer.
9. (Currently amended) The sole of claim 1, wherein the sole first layer comprises a
damping material.